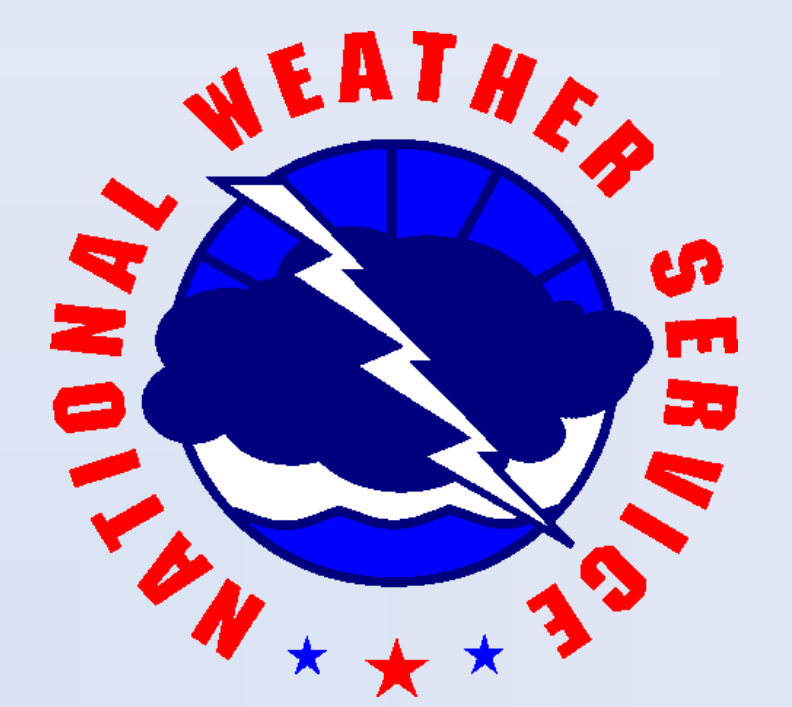


National Weather Service Jacksonville Office History



1 Masonic Hall Sep. 13, 1871 through Sep. 19, 1871



Barometer received September 17, 1871, but not installed at this location.
Location: NE corner of Main and Bay Streets

1871

2 Freedman's Bank Building Sep. 20, 1871 through Jul. 21, 1880



Thermometers in window shelter 20 feet above the ground, rain gauge on roof 64 feet above the ground, anemometer between 75 and 90 feet above the ground.
Location: Main & Forsyth Streets

1871

3 Astor Building July 22, 1880 through July 31, 1902



Thermometers in window shelter 30 feet above the ground from July 1880 to September 1886; in roof shelter 69 feet above the ground from October 1886 to July 1902. Tipping bucket rain gauge installed March 4, 1891.
Location: SE corner of Bay and Hogan Streets

1880

4 Dyal-Upchurch Building Aug. 1, 1902 through Jan. 3, 1915



Thermometers in roof shelter 100 feet above the ground. Office burned Jan. 3, 1915.
Location: SE corner of Main and Bay Streets

1902

Station Managers

U.S. Army Signal Corps

Sgt. D.A. Daball	Sep 11, 1871 – Dec 1872
Sgt. Richard M. Laughlin	Jan 1873 – Dec 1876
Sgt. Fred L. Gosewisch	Jan 1877 – Feb 1879
Sgt. J.W. Smith	Mar 1879 – Aug 1887
Sgt. Titus S. Townsend	Sep 1887 – Nov 1889
Sgt. S.L. Dasher	Dec 1889 – Nov 1890
Sgt. E.R. Demain	Dec 1890 – Mar 1895



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Alexander J. Mitchell	Apr 1895 – Jun 1932
Walter J. Bennett	Oct 1932 – Sep 1949
Ronald L. Anderson	Oct 1949 – Jan 1956
Roger J. Plaster	Jan 1956 – Jul 1, 1972*
Hurtis Smith	Aug 1972 – Dec 1974
Jack J. Schnabel	Jan 1975 – Aug 1994
Stephen M. Letro	Sep 1994 – Present



Weather Bureau Airport Station (WBAS) at Imeson Field

Roland L. Anderson	Oct 31, 1930 – Jul 1937
A.Y. Wolfe	Jul 1937 – Oct 1941
Lewis Hayes	Nov 1941 – Jul 1943
Ira Plummer	Jul 1943 – Oct 1946
Roger G. Plaster	Oct 1946 – Jan 1956*



9 National Weather Service Jacksonville (JIA) Jan. 19, 1995 through Present



The weather office moved to the southwest side of Jacksonville International Airport on January 19, 1995. This new office was equipped with the WSR-88D doppler weather radar. The upper air program was transferred from the WSMO Waycross, Georgia, on January 25, 1995. ASOS replaced the manual observations on March 1, 1996. The upper air system was upgraded to the Radiosonde Replacement System (RRS) on January 15, 2007.

Location: 13701 Fang Drive

1995

8 Jacksonville International Airport Jan. 19, 1971 through Jan. 19, 1995



The weather office moved from Imeson Airport to the northwest side of Jacksonville International Airport on January 19, 1971.

Location: 2300 Barnstomer Road

1971

7 Jacksonville Municipal Airport Imeson Field Oct. 31, 1930 through Jan. 19, 1971



Station history shows that the airport office may have actually opened in 1928. From 1930 to 1940, temperature, rainfall, wind, and sunshine records continued at the city office, with barometer and humidity data compiled for the airport only. The airport office became the synoptic station for Jacksonville on July 1, 1940. Temperature and precipitation records continued at the city office, but wind, sunshine, barometer, and humidity data began being recorded at the airport office. The airport office became the sole office in January 1956.

Location: 7 mi N of Jax Post Office

1956

5 Heard National Bank (Graham) Building Feb. 1, 1915 through Dec. 31, 1933

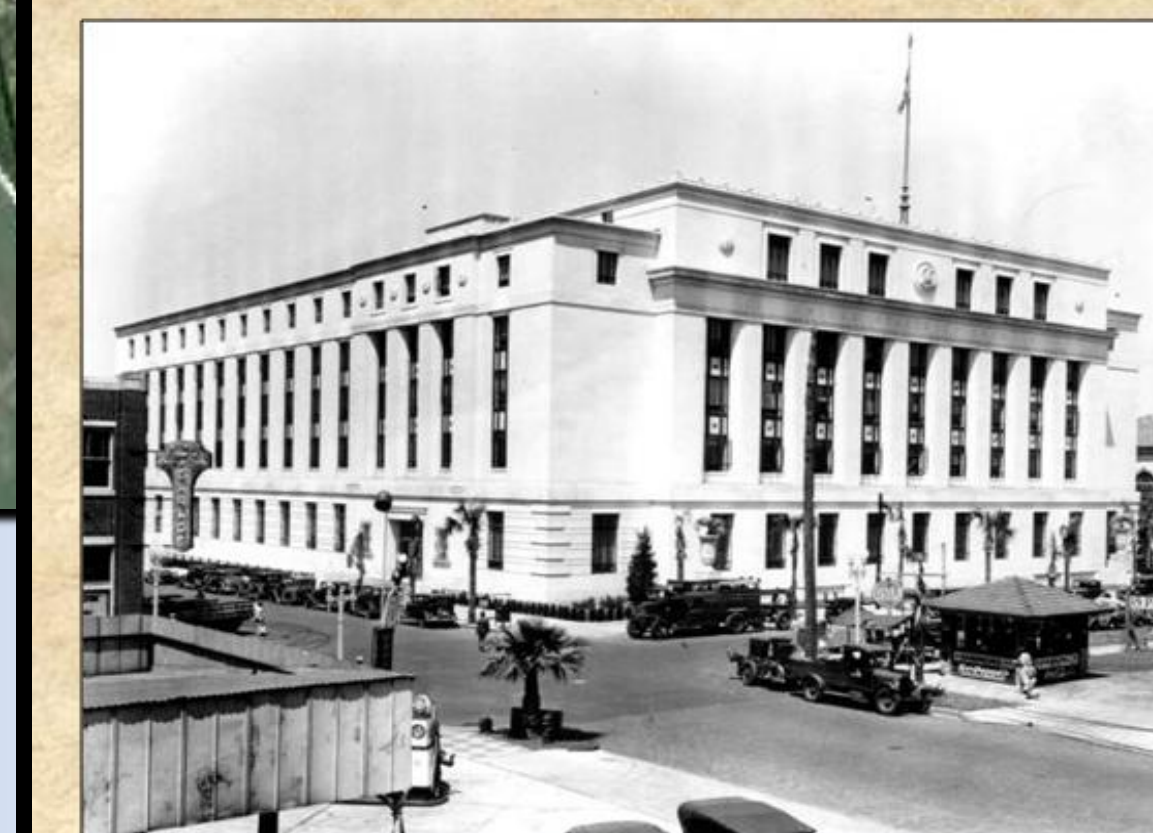


Thermometers in roof shelter 209 feet above the ground, anemometer height 245 feet.

Location: SW corner of Forsyth and Laura Streets

1915

6 U.S. Court House and Post Office Building Jan. 1, 1934 through May 21, 1956



Thermometers in roof shelter 86 feet above the ground. This office was combined with airport office at Imeson Field in January 1956.

Location: 315 W Monroe Street

1933

